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HAWK HEADLINER

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Principal's Page DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

Have you ever wanted to help out at the school but didn't know how? Do you have a job skill or talent that could help the school? I bet you do, and you may not even know it.

Right now we are looking for someone with some construction or building skills to head up a project here at the school. We have been given a green light by our school district to put in a memorial, but we have to find qualified labor to do this. The cost to hire someone to plan this is prohibitive, but maybe someone out there can help.

If you could head up a small building project, from design to finish product, we need your help. If you have plumbing skills, we need your help. If you have worked with landscaping we need your help.

Our project is a small memorial park here at school. This park is in remembrance of two students who passed away a few years ago. It will include a brick retaining wall, fill dirt, plumbing and grass.

A beautiful mural has been painted near this spot. In addition, we

already have a volunteer to help with the brick work, but there is much more that is needed to make this area a reality. If you think you are someone who could lend a hand with this, please give us a call.

If building is not your thing, but you have other skills, we could use your help as well. Last year through the generous donation of their time, we were able to bring a soccer team to Friendly Hills. For seventh and eighth grade we have had coaches volunteer for basketball, cross country and track. We would love to extend track and cross country to younger grades, but we would need your help.

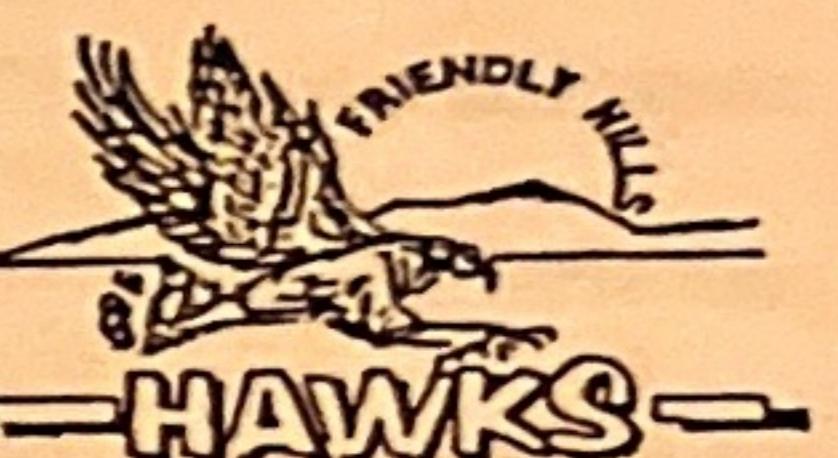
If you have other ideas that you think would benefit our school with which you could help, give us a call. I know you want to help your child's school, now the only question is how.



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Dates of interest:

- 11/1 End of 1st Quarter
- 11/5 Election Day
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Holiday
- 11/20 FHEA @ 6:30 pm
- 11/22 Photo Make Ups
- 11/26 Quarterly Awards Assemblies
- 11/28-31 Thanksgiving Holiday



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The first quarter of school is already upon us with the quarter ending on Friday, November 1. With the close of the quarter comes our quarterly "perfect attendance" awards to be given out to students at the November awards assembly. As was explained to you in the parent/student handbook distributed at the beginning of the school year, perfect attendance guidelines are as follows:

SCHOOL WORK SOLUTIONS

"I don't want to do my homework!" "My project is not due until Friday. Why should I start today?"

Sound familiar? Getting kids to do school work is a struggle for many parents. Here are some ideas to help.

- **Being together.** Many kids feel comfortable with someone close by and are more likely to stay on task. It's a great time for you to model reading a good book or working on paperwork of your own.

HEAD LICE ALERT

A few cases of head lice have been found in our school. We are alerting you to this problem so you can help in preventing any further spread. Signs to recognize include the following:

- * Constant scratching behind the ears and at the back of the neck.
- * Infected rash on the scalp.
- * Small silvery egg cases attached to individual hairs, especially around the back of the neck and behind

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Please call in all absences when your student will not be at school.

This time of year, we always remind parents to send sweaters and warm jackets with your children as the weather turns colder. It is a good idea to mark your child's name on the inside of the clothing. If you are missing anything, please remember to check our "lost and

- To be eligible for the perfect attendance award, a student shall have no absences and no tardies or early dismissals unless excused by a doctor's, dentist's or orthodontist's note from that medical office.

Thank you to all the students and their parents who continue to strive for outstanding attendance. This award is truly earned! Our teachers have a wealth of knowledge to share with our youngsters that can only be absorbed if children are in school.



- **Out of the ordinary.** Unexpected ways to study can also help. If your child has a spelling test, suggest reviewing the words while you walk around the block.
- **Step by step.** Many times, kids just don't know where to start. Try working with your youngster on the first few questions of an assignment. If it's a big project, help him/her break it into smaller achievable goals.

the ears.

- Head lice are grayish-white, about the size of an ant.

Head lice cannot jump from person to person. Children get lice from direct contact with a person who has them or indirectly from personal items such as combs, brushes, towels, hats or clothing. Students found with head lice are sent home and are allowed to return to school only after all lice and nits (eggs) are gone. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and help in keeping the number of head lice cases to a very small number.



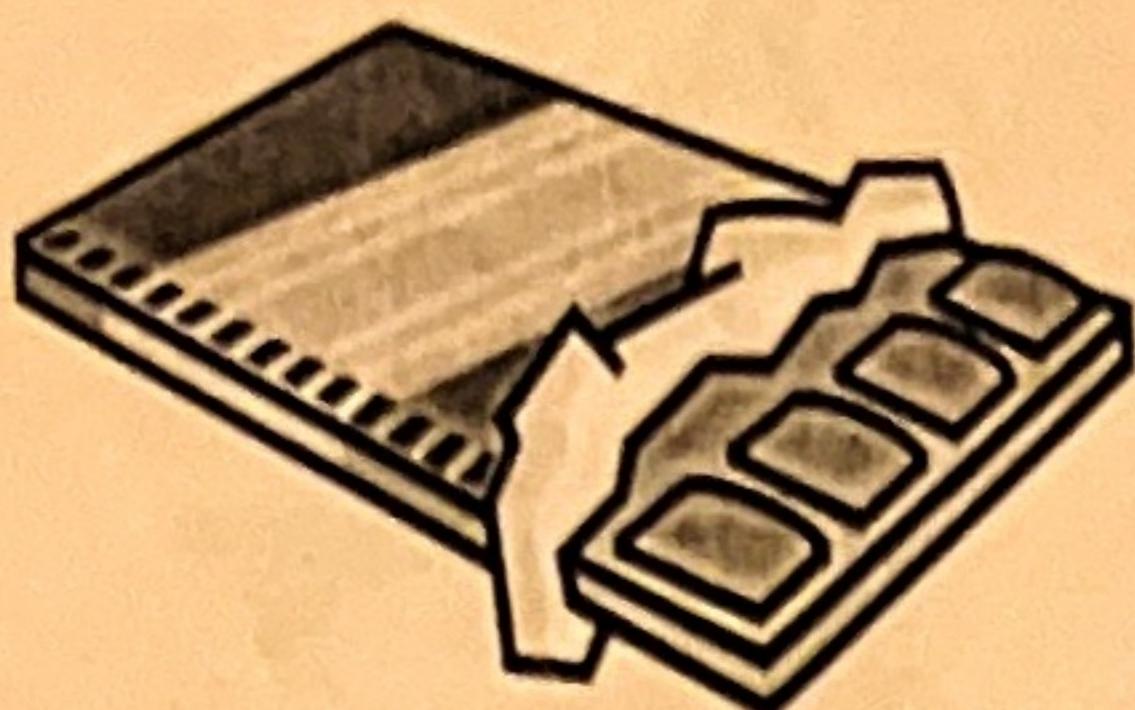
found" by the cafeteria door. Also, just a reminder, our District policy requires a doctor's note if your child needs to stay inside during lunch, recess and P.E. In the event of rain, severely cold or windy weather, we have an inclement weather schedule and all children stay indoors during lunch, recess and P.E.

FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Cold weather can not slow down this group, which is one of the most important connections the school has between home and school.

Popcorn Fridays have been a huge success! Children are enjoying a yummy treat and the parent group is raising money for our kids. Our See's candy sale began on October 28. You may not know it, but this fundraiser is the largest for the parent group, raising over \$5,000 for our kids. Field-

trips and extra classroom enrichment supplies would not exist without these fundraising efforts. The parent group, FHEA, would like to thank all



the families participating in the candy sales. Please remember that the money and/or unsold candy are due back by December 2.

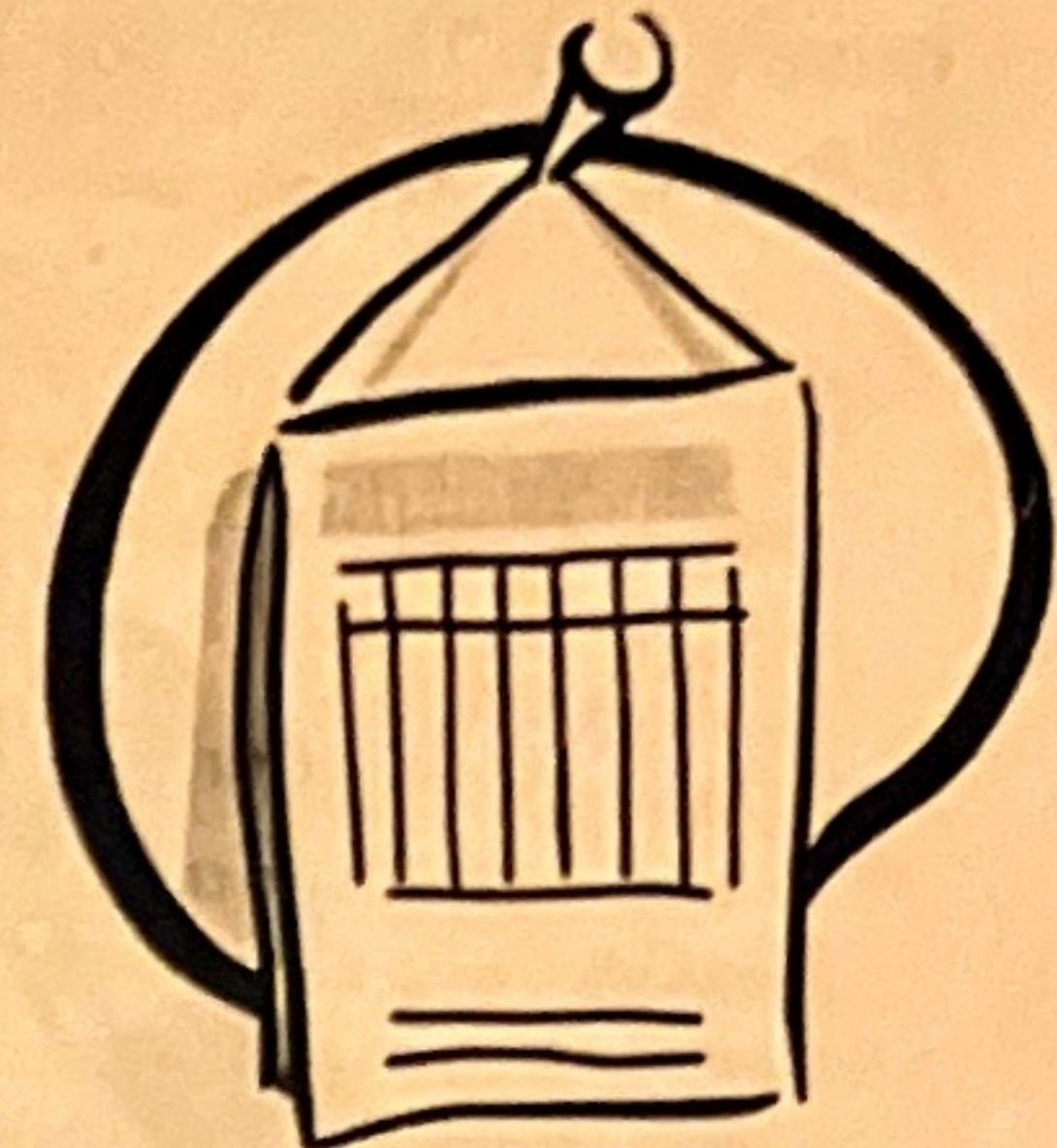
The parent group is planning a Book Fair from Dec. 5-12. You will receive more information on this in the future. Don't forget that books make great holiday gifts. Also, the parent group will have their eighth annual Craft Fair on Saturday, December 7th. There are still spaces available for those who would like to reserve a booth.

The next meeting for this outstanding group will be Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. Make a difference and get involved!

PARENT AND STUDENT REMINDERS

There are several important dates to remember this month. Please check the attached calendar. There is NO SCHOOL on the following days:

Monday, Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day Holiday)
Friday, Nov. 15 (Teacher/Parent Conference Day)
Thursday-Sunday, November 28-31 (Thanksgiving Holiday)



Library News - EVER

We just love October in the library! We listen to great Halloween stories and Mrs. K. tries to scare everyone.

Again, our library lends the perfect setting to show off class projects. On display now are 8th grade physical science projects and Mrs. Reed's still-life water color paintings. Stop by anytime to view these awesome works.

Besides reading scary stories, we are wrapping up "Because of Winn Dixie". Grades 4-6 have really enjoyed this novel. We are all going to miss our favorite dog, Winn Dixie.

Our next novel is "The Year of Miss Agnes". This is a story set in Alaska, about the old ways and new, and about pride. It's about a teacher who opens the door to a world where once you go through, nothing is ever the same again.

Until next month,

Paddington and Mrs. K.

Paddington Pals (for this month):

Ohkwari Tatú (Mrs. Winchell's 1st)

Corey Peterson (Ms. Subriar's 2nd)

Erik Peters (Mrs. Mann's 3rd)

Michael Sanchez (Mrs. Friedman's 4th)

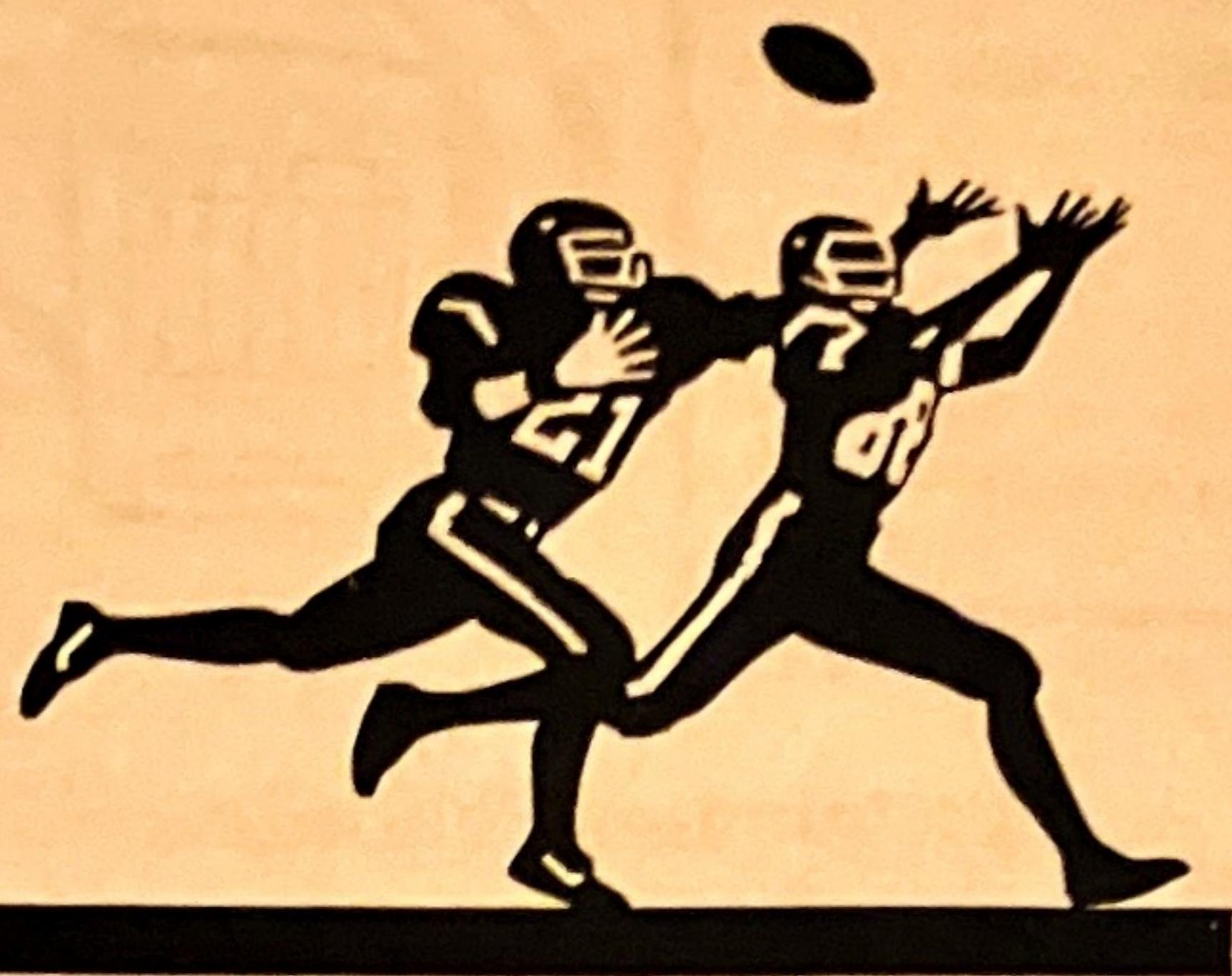
Ryan Tuthill (Mrs. Ladner's 5th)

Tiffini Phillips (Mr. Bogner's 6th)

Junior High Sports News...

An entourage of youngsters traveled to Mt. San Antonio College on Friday, October 18 for a cross country invitational. What a grand experience for them with over 2000 participants! All of our runners made great showings with all of them improving on their personal times by at least 2 minutes! That's an awesome feat in itself. Our top four runners, on their 2-mile trek, were seventh graders Candace Goebel (17:57) and Peter Nagy (15:11) and eighth graders Ian Blanding (15:12) and Jessica Velasquez (17:51).

For more information, log onto the Mt. SAC web site at <events.mtsac.edu> and click on XC for cross country. Our team ran in the Junior High division, races 3, 6, 9 and 12.



Coming Soon

- Boys and girls basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Friendly Hills cross country invitational.

Our entire team consists of:



Seventh Grade:

Andrew Farison
Candace Goebel
Peter Nagy
Dakota Westlake

Eighth Grade:

Gabby Arnett
Ian Blanding
Ben Bogner
Daniel Burkett
Fletcher Davis
Cassie Hempe
Sara Presley
Jessica Velasquez



Gridiron Action

Sports movies are filled with stories like this. Our little school put together a 7th and 8th grade flag football team. Twelve tough boys and girls joined this team. They practiced on dirt fields until the time for their game. They took on teams that outnumbered them 3 to 1. The other players sometimes twice their size. With no home field they always played away from home. The odds were stacked against them.

Sounds like a great movie right? Unfortunately our brave heroes lost their battles with 29 Palms Junior High and La Contenta Middle School. Most importantly, however, they tried hard and did well. Ian Rader was a standout star in both games and showed himself to be a great running back. Cameron Wilson swiped a pass from La Contenta and almost ran it in for a touchdown. The final scores, not that it is important, 29 palms (38) Friendly Hills (12) and in the second game La Contenta (18) Friendly Hills (6). Our kids were great sports and had a wonderful time.

Creative Student Writing - Mrs. Reed

The Magic Pencil by Tim Zarki (Gr. 5)

I was sitting at my desk one sunny afternoon trying to get my homework done. Well, actually I wasn't trying at all. I was daydreaming about how I could be playing basketball right now except for the dreadful fact that my parents don't let me play until I finish my homework. Unfortunately, I had math (my least favorite subject) for homework.

I was daydreaming about making the perfect slam dunk when a tiny little voice shattered my thoughts. "Are you having problems?" it said to me in a high pitched little voice.

Startled, I looked around for what was talking to me. "Are you having problems?" it said again.

The voice was coming from inside my desk. Pencil shavings, moldy bread, sticky chewing gum and ripped up papers all flew out of my desk. All of a sudden I saw it. A bright blue pencil with the word "Y_o X_o S_o Y_o" inscribed into it was lying there.

"Hello," it said, "my name is Lithimus, who are you?"

"I'm, that is, mmmmy name is Tim," I stuttered.

"It's a pleasure to meet you," said Lithimus, "I was assigned from Sector Eight Homework Helper Dispatch Center in School Supply world to help you with your math," he said.

"From where?" I asked, still dazed.

"From School Supply World," he said. "It's our job to help kids like you with your...., but he didn't get to finish because just then my cat bolted in, sniffed the air, grabbed Lithimus and bolted out my door."

The moment I realized what just happened, I gave chase. I ran all through the house chasing my cat endlessly around until finally I caught up with her. As quickly as possible I snatched Lithimus from my cat's mouth, ran to my room and slammed the door shut.

As the day went on, I got used to Lithimus. He helped me do my homework and I actually understood most of it!

Finally it was time for Lithimus to go and for me to eat dinner. "Will I ever see you again?" I asked.

"If you ever need me again, just call my name," he said, and that was the last I saw of him (for today).

I smelled pizza, so I went off to the kitchen for dinner.



My Black Cat by Renee Robertson (Gr. 5)

I was sitting at my desk trying to do my math homework, but I was stuck on one problem. I was just starting to realize what I was supposed to do when I heard a strange voice that said, "Are you having problems?" It was a small squeaky voice, so I knew it wasn't my mom. I turned around, but I saw nothing but some socks and other clothes spread all over the floor. Then I heard it again. It was coming from under my desk! I carefully got up and got down on the floor on my hands and knees and looked at what was there. There sat my black cat, Blacky, swishing his tail and purring loudly. "Did you say that?" I asked, not expecting an answer. But he opened his mouth and replied, "Yes."



"How could a cat talk?" I asked myself. This was amazing. I had to show someone, so I picked him up, ignoring my homework, and carried him into the kitchen where my mom and dad sat. I began telling my mom about Blacky. "Mom, Blacky can talk!" I shouted. "You're probably just imagining things," she answered. "Dad, do you believe me?" I asked. "I didn't hear what you said," he replied. "Aaaal" I screeched and ran to the phone.

If my parents didn't believe me, maybe my best friend Michelle would. I picked up the phone and dialed Michelle's number. "Hello?" Michelle answered. I began to tell her my story. When I finished I eagerly asked, "Do you believe me?"

"Yes, the same thing is happening to me, only Tiger won't let me call you, so I'm so glad you called. I have to go though, because Tiger won't let me talk any longer." Michelle hung up and it was time for me to go to bed.

The next morning I woke up and went to my desk to finish my homework before school, but it was already done. Blacky had done it, I could tell. Michelle needed a ride to school, so I grabbed my backpack and got into the car. My backpack seemed unusually heavy.

When Michelle and I stepped out of the car, Michelle asked, "Why is your backpack dragging so far behind?" I answered, "I don't know." We were almost late, so we went straight to class. Our teacher asked us to get out our work so I unzipped my backpack and stared in horror at what was there. Blacky sat in my backpack, looking very dizzy after his ride to school. "Why did you sneak into my backpack?" I asked. "Because I felt like it," he answered. "Michelle, I called, 'look who followed me to school.'"

"Renee and Michelle, back to your seats," said our teacher. Michelle went to her seat and I zipped Blacky back into my backpack. When school was over I asked Blacky if he was hungry and all he did was meow!



"Yippee!!" I shouted, "you can't talk anymore! I guess I'll do my own homework now." I began on my homework. I was almost finished when a strange gruff voice said, "Are you having problems?" I looked under my desk and saw my silver cat Smokey sitting there purring loudly. "Yes, it's me who said that," he said.

"Noooooo!!!!" I screamed

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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

**Look for our school web page at the following web site:
[Http://morongo.k12.ca.us/
morfe/index.html](http://morongo.k12.ca.us/morfe/index.html)**

Our Story

Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since its inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who have followed, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

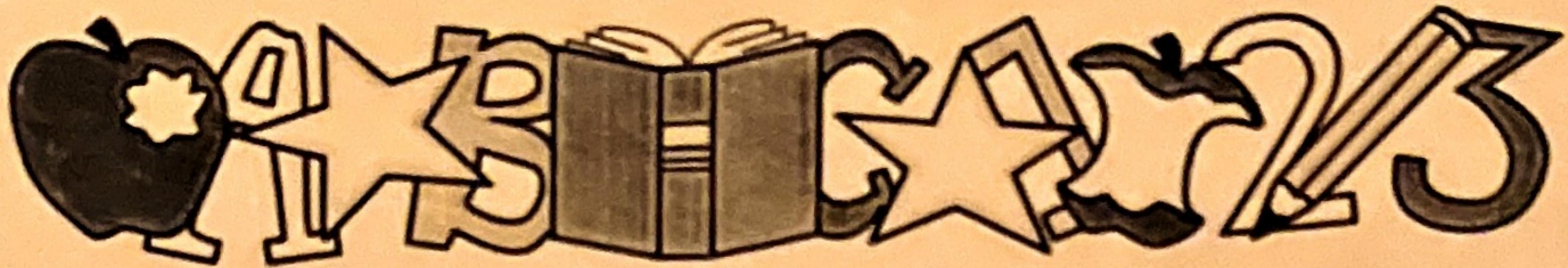
What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but what you put in the hours.

amounted to some \$13,000 dollars. The committee made careful cuts, that did not reduce services to any students. We delayed some purchases and found ways to get by without items we have normally purchased.

The committee reviewed the entire budget and put together a plan for moving forward in a difficult fiscal year. This group keeps your child's needs first in mind in all they do. Thank you site based management for all you do.

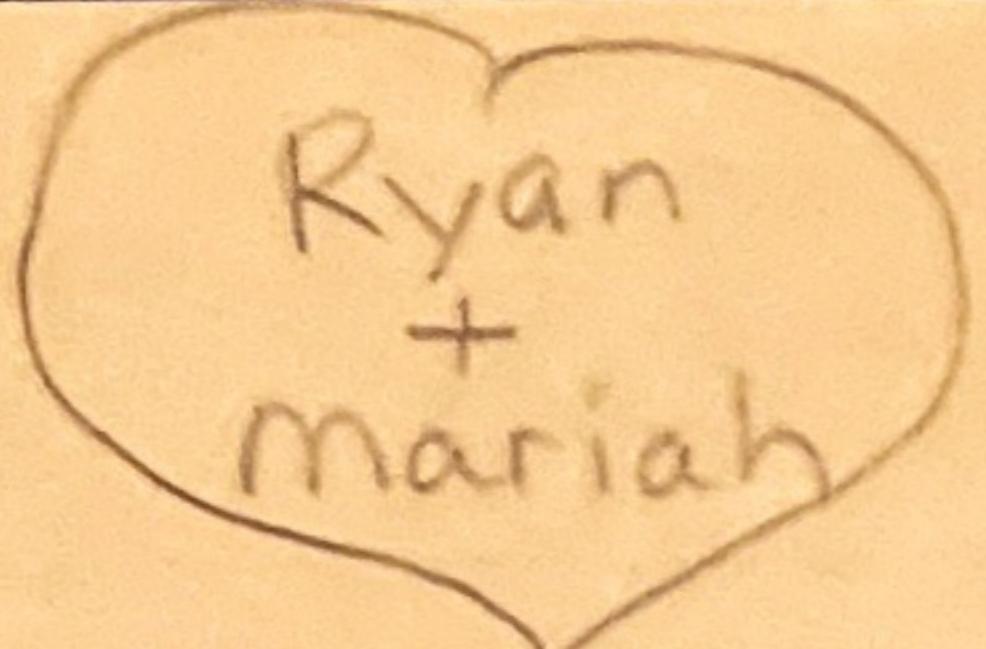
During this past month's meeting the committee was faced with the unfortunate task of cutting 27% from it's school improvement plan dollars. This





October Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Allie Cressy	Pruet Prapakonpipat	Carly Fauls	Winter Howard
Mr. Bogner	Kelsey Frasher	Tiffini Phillips	Dustin Wortham	Ryan Fleischman
Mrs. Candelaria	Kylie Howell	T.J. Hannah	Elan Harnitz	Joey Hesse
Mr. Chambless	Lizzie Schmelling	Courtney Evans	Dylan Cosner	Alexys Sanders
Mrs. Dempsey	Lexie McNamee	Quynten Pio	Michael Davis	Breeana Easley
Mrs. Friedman	Sarah Mumme	Miguel Kee	Danielle Pope	Courtney Ambrosius
Mr. & Mrs. Hesse	Amanda Reilly	Dakota Alday	Erick McPherson	Timmy Hesse
Ms. Hodges	Chelsea Gordon	Sara Kennedy	Ryan Tiffany	Bryan Hempe
Mrs. Ladner	Lloyd Clark	Jessica Morcilio	Myles Meza	LeAnna Reyes
Mrs. Mann	Erik Peters	Natasha McPherson	Danyll Copeland	Amanda Ambrosius
Mrs. Mitz	Jacquelyn Adams	Max Tree	Lance Martin	Adrianna O'Connor
Mrs. Reed	Nick Aguilar	Monica Tree	Sierra Smith	Renee Robertson
Mrs. Seacat	Adrianna Arizmendis	Christopher Stevens	Joseph Colegio	Ashley Dollard
Mrs. Strader	Nathaniel McPherson	Aleah Thallas	Dani Lopez	Marcus Aviles
Ms. Subriar	Joey Ramirez	Ashley Gurney	Louis Moore	Annetta Nilsen
Mrs. Tilson	Alexis Ramos	Ryan Fauls	Zachary Sands	Clayton Utley
Ms. Williams	Christopher Gardner		Gabe Robertson	Jesse Johnson
Mrs. Winchell	Sarah Byrne	Christian Barnett	Nathaniel Kelley	Gage Brenneman



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